

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert the following heading and paragraph before line 3 of page 1 of the as-filed application:

Cross Reference to Related Applications

The invention of the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application 09/772,101, filed on January 26, 2001, entitled Apparatus and Methods for Parallel Processing of Multiple Reaction Mixtures, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,759,014, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.